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## LIBRARY GIVEN PAPERS OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

In ceremonies held in the Library's Whittall Pavilion on Monday afternoon, June 2, the heirs of Alexander Graham Bell presented the distinguished inventor's manuscripts to the Library of Congress. The reception also commemorated the centenary of the day that the telephone was born. On June 2, 1875, in his Boston Laboratory, Bell discovered the principle which made possible the invention of the telephone. (The first successful demonstration of Bell's device took place on March 10, 1876.)

In remarks of acceptance of the gift, Acting Librarian of Congress John G. Lorenz retold the story of the events of 100 years earlier that had led to the telephone. He also noted Bell's interest in teaching the deaf and in aviation, and the donation to the Library in 1898 of the magnificent group of engravings assembled by Gardiner Greene Hubbard and donated as a memorial by his widow; the Hubbards were the parents of Bell's wife of nearly 50 years, Mabel.

In making the presentation of the Bell Papers to the Library and of Bell's first drawings of his telephone, Melville Bell Grosvenor, grandson of the scientist and Chairman of the Board of the National Geographic Society, recalled several episodes from his childhood in which his grandfather had figured–including the first transcontinental telephone call in 1915.

The massive and extraordinarily rich collection of approximately 130,000 items will be a valuable source for scholars, as it documents in great detail Bell's entire career and varied activities. Included also in the papers are numerous photographs of historical significance, many of them taken by Bell's son-in-law, Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Editor of the *National Geographic* for 55 years, as well as a miscellany ranging

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## 34 REVOLUTIONARY WAR MAPS GO ON DISPLAY AT G&M

An exhibit of 34 Revolutionary War maps has opened at the Geography and Map Division. The bicentennial exhibit "Maps of the American Revolution: 1775," features printed and manuscript maps relating to the clashes at Lexington and Concord, the siege of Boston, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the two-pronged American invasion of Canada. Also on display are general maps of the 13 colonies and their major cities as they existed when the war broke out.

Among the special items on display is a manuscript map of the roads between Roxbury and Concord, Mass., which is believed to have been drawn by British officers who were sent, in disguise, to reconnoiter the countryside around Boston in preparation for the ill-fated attempt to seize colonial munitions and military supplies at Concord. Also on view is John DeCosta's rare 1775 map, *A plan of the town and harbor of Boston and the country adjacent with the*

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*road from Boston to Concord, shewing the place of the late engagement between the King's troops and the provincials, together with the several encampments of both armies in and about Boston.* Published in London three months after the action, this map is of special interest because villages, encampments, and even troops are shown pictorially. The Battle of Bunker Hill is illustrated by several maps. One manuscript, *A plan of the action at Bunkers-Hill, on the 17th. of June, 1775, between His Majesty's troops under the command of Major General Howe, and the rebel forces, by Lieut.* [*Thomas*] *Page of the Engineers, who acted as aide de camp to General Howe in that action,* is perhaps the most accurate of all contemporary maps of the battle. Believed to be the first map published in London to illustrate the action, *A plan of the battle on Bunkers Hill fought on the 17th. of June, 1775, by an officer on the spot* is printed with an eyewitness account of the fighting by General John Burgoyne, who later commanded the British army that surrendered to the Americans at Saratoga in 1777.

Among the most important of the general maps in the exhibit is the 1775 edition of John Mitchell's *A map of the British colonies in North America, with the roads, distances, limits, and extent of the settlement* .... This large (136 by 195 cm.) map is displayed to illustrate both the knowledge of colonial geography and the extent of settlement and land communications at the outbreak of the Revolution. Its greatest significance, however, lies in the use to which it was put after the war. An earlier edition of Mitchell's map was consulted by the representatives of the United States and of Great Britain at Paris in 1782 and 1783 in negotiating the treaty that officially ended the Revolutionary War and recognized the independence of the United States. Because of this, the Mitchell map is considered by some authorities as the most important map in American history.

The exhibit will continue through September 30 at the Pickett St. Annex.

## AACR CHAPTER 6 TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC

Dr. Saad M. el-Hagrassy, Cataloging Consultant to the Library of Congress office in Cairo, has translated the revised chapter 6 of the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules* into Arabic not only for the use of the cataloging staff in the LC Cairo office, but for the convenience of Egyptian and other Arab librarians. The translation, *Ba'd al-taqninat al-'asriyah,* with comments added by Dr. el-Hagrassy, has been published by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization in a preliminary form, and 1,000 copies circulated to the library profession in Egypt and the Arab world for familiarization and application.

Dr. el-Hagrassy is visiting the United States from late May until early July on a six-week tour sponsored under the U.S. Department of State International Visitors Program. He will spend some days at the Library of Congress and will attend the ALA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Dr. el-Hagrassy is a graduate of Cairo University; he has an M.S. and Ph. D. in librarianship from Rutgers University. As of the fall term 1975, he will be the Head of the Department of Librarianship and Information Sciences at the University of Cairo.

**Correction:** An article in the LC *Information Bulletin* for June 6, p. 229, unwittingly changed the name of the Cataloging Distribution Service Division. The article, it should be emphasized, referred to delays and backlog in card orders; service on other division products has not been affected.

## PAPERS OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

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from data concerning Bell's patent suits to biographical and genealogical materials.

The Library has also received a substantial volume of the papers of other Bell family members, among them the scientist's father, the elocutionist Alexander Melville Bell, and his father-in-law, Gardiner Greene Hubbard, one of the founders of the telephone industry and first President of the National Geographic Society, where the Bell Papers have been on deposit.

The donors of the papers, all descendants of Alexander Graham Bell, are, in addition to Mr. Grosvenor, Alexander G. B. Fairchild, Gertrude Grosvenor Gayley, Mabel H. Grosvenor, Barbara Fairchild Muller, Nancy Bell Fairchild Bates, Lilian Grosvenor Jones, Carol Grosvenor Myers, and the surviving spouse and sole legatee of Gloria Grosvenor Oftedal, Torfinn Oftedal. Other family members were also present for the ceremony.

*Top: Mr. Lorenz accepts the Bell Papers for the Library of Congress from Mr. Grosvenor.*

*Bottom: Bell descendants view exhibit of selected items from the Alexander Graham Bell Papers presented to the Library on June 2. They are (right to left): Mrs. Jones, Mr. Grosvenor, Mrs. Myers, and great-great-grandson Gilbert Hovey Coville.*

## LC OFFERS NEWSPAPER AND CATALOG VOLUMES

The Library of Congress is offering at no charge certain uncut bound volumes of newspapers, replaced in its collections by microfilm, to U.S. libraries which wish to have them and are willing to pay the cost of packing and shipping. Requests, honored in order of receipt, and all inquiries should be directed to the Chief, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. The newspapers include:

Minnesota. Minneapolis. *Minneapolis Morning Tribune.* 1867-1946 (550 volumes)

New York. New York. *La Voz de America.* December 30, 1865-February 11, 1867 (2 volumes)

North Carolina. Wilmington. *Morning Star.* 1871-1900 (41 volumes)

Great Britain. London. *Times.* 1800-1951 (561 volumes)

Indonesia. Djakarta. *Times of Indonesia.* May 1952-December 1954 (5 volumes)

Mexico. Mexico City. *El Universal.* January 1945-December 1948 (48 volumes)

Pakistan. Karachi. *Dawn.* November-December 1951; March 1952-June 1955 (12 volumes)

Peru. Lima. *El Comercio.* January 1945-June 1949 (43 volumes).

The Library is also offering free to U.S. libraries certain of its printed catalogs which were superseded by the publication of the *National Union Catalog, 1968-72.* Requests must be received before June 30, and will be filled in order of receipt. Recipients must agree to pay the cost of packing and shipping. Requests and inquiries should be addressed to the Chief, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. The catalogs are:

*The National Union Catalog.* Annual cumulation 1968 (12 volumes); 1969 (13 volumes); 1970 (14 volumes); 1971 (16 volumes); 1972 (Some paper-bound monthly and quarterly issues available).

*Register of Additional Libraries.* Annual cumulation, 1968-71.

*Motion Pictures and Filmstrips.* Annual cumulations, 1968-71.

*Music and Phonorecords.* Annual cumulations, 1968-71.

## STAFF NEWS

### Kunitz Honored by American Academy of Arts and Letters

Stanley Kunitz, Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He has been assigned to Chair 46, a position last held by the poet John Crowe Ransom.

Mr. Kunitz was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1905 and is a resident of New York City. He is currently Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, editor of the Yale Series of Younger Poets, and has been a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters since 1963. He is best known for his *Selected Poems* (1958), *The Testing Tree* (1917), and his translation of Russian poetry.

The Academy, founded 70 years ago and chartered by Congress, selects its 50 members from the 250-member National Institute of Arts and Letters for special honor. The Academy and the Institute give $100,000 each year in awards and scholarships to artists, writers, and composers.

### RETIREMENT

**Kate M. Stewart**, Manuscript Historian, Manuscript Division, retired on May 7, after 23 years of service in the Library of Congress, all but one of which were spent in the Manuscript Division.

A native of North Carolina, Miss Stewart came to Washington in 1949, after a brief teaching career. She joined the staff of the Card Division in 1952, moving to the Manuscript Division in 1953 where she became an expert on the era between the Civil War and World War I. For the Library's *Index* to the James A. Garfield papers (1973) she wrote the extensive Provenance Essay. [A more detailed summary of her career appeared in the June 23, 1972 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin.]*

Miss Stewart will make her home in retirement on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where she has maintained a weekend and vacation home for the past several years. Staff members of the Manuscript Division presented her with a savings bond and best wishes for enjoyment of her favorite pastime, fishing in the streams and tributaries near the Chesapeake Bay.

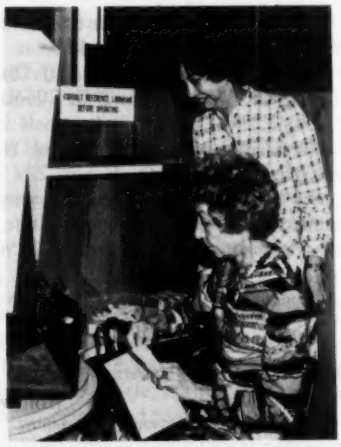
### AWARDS

**Calvin Alston**, Buildings Management Office, Buildings Services Section, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on May 13, by Gerald T. Garvey, Chief of the Buildings Management Office.

Mr. Alston spent two years with the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. Leaving private industry, he came to the Library of Congress in 1956 as a General Laborer and was promoted to Food Service Worker in August 1972, the position he holds at the present time. Mr. Alston's duties include the preparation and

### FAMOUS READER VISITS LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Readers who thought they saw a celebrity behind the microfilm reader in the Newspaper and Current Periodical Room on May 14 can be pleased with their acute observation. For those who haven't yet matched a name with the famous face, learning that they recognized actress, author, and playwright Ilka Chase will be welcome information. Miss Chase, in Washington for a starring role in the current run of Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" at the Kennedy Center, came to the Library of Congress to research her new novel on three generations of American women, her 18th book. She is shown here as she was assisted by Katherine F. Gould, Assistant Head of the Reference Section, Serial Division.



supervision of physical facilities for special meetings arranged in the Library. He also assists in coordinating food service for special events.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Appointments:** Ronald Bachman, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 7640; William Jacobs, production assistant, GS-2, Cat Publ, OP 5-500; Kevin McShane, entry editor, GS-11, Ser Rec, 7526; Philip Perkins, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 7545; Anthony White, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 7604.

**Temporary Appointments:** Catherine Brauner, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS F, 7755; Deborah Dean, analyst, American national government, GS-11, CRS GGR, NP; Julia Perkins, clerk-typist, GS-4, GR&B, NP; Gloria Walker, analyst, American national government, GS-13, CRS GGR, NP.

**Reappointments:** Mary Bailey, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS D, 7604; Linwood Carter, library aid, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP 8-200; Ralph Chite, library aid, GS-1, DC, NP; Betty Dewees, correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, OP 5-200; Karen Jones, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, 7755; Willard Roberts, research analyst, GS-11, FRD, 7665.

**Promotions:** Janish Anderson, to area supervisor, GS-5, S&R, 7758; Elizabeth Burke, Cop Exam, to secretary to the executive officer, GS-7, Cop Reg, 7734; Deloris Collier, to arranging and distribution assistant, GS-3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Herbert Connell, to clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 7736; William Cromartie, Ord, to clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 7736; Cynthia Everette, CRS L, to secretary, GS-7, CRS D, 7623; Francis Harper, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Paul Messner, to clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 7736; Beverly Wills, CRS A, to research analyst, GS-5, FRD, 7665.

**Resignations:** Fred Barry, Cop Reg; Margaret Bass, Subj Cat; Gregory Christison, DBPH; William DeCosta, PMO; Martha Destler, CRS D; Lynette Donohoe, Cop Reg; Maggie Feen, CRS Ed; Nathaniel Freeman, S&R; Virginia Hagen, CRS F; Rebecca Hearn, G&M; Kirsten Mishkin, CRS SPR; Elfrida Scott, S&R.

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

**Frank Kurt Cylke,** Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, addressed the 13th National Braille Association in Milwaukee, Wisc. on three occasions during the week of May 5-8. Mr. Cylke, in comments to the NBA membership at the Annual Meeting Brunch, noted the scope of the Library of Congress network designed to serve the blind and physically handicapped, praised the support received from volunteer braillists, and identified the duplication and binding of braille as areas requiring additional volunteer support. Mr. Cylke, with the assistance of **Maxine B. Dorf,** Head, Volunteer Training Section, DBPH, and Mary Leon Miller, Regional Librarian for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Milwaukee, detailed specific areas where volunteers such as those working with NBA could work with the Division and the provision of expanded service to readers. Mr. Cylke also served as a panel member in a discussion of sources for transcriptions in braille, large print or type, and tape recordings. Other DBPH staff members attending were **Sandra Walberg,** Braille Music Advisor, and **Bill West,** Training Specialist (Tape Recording).

**Floyd D. Hedrick,** Chief, Procurement and Supply Division, gave a presentation entitled "What Management Expects of Purchasing" at a Management Seminar conducted by the National Association of Purchasing Management in Dallas, Tex., on May 20. The seminar was part of the annual International Purchasing Conference sponsored by NAPM and attracted an audience of 425 persons. Mr. Hedrick, a former Vice President of NAPM, was elected Chairman of the Professional Development Committee at the Conference.

**Marvin W. McFarland,** Chief of the Science and Technology Division, spoke at Girard College in Philadelphia on May 17 during ceremonies marking the 225th anniversary of the birth of its founder, Stephen Girard. Reputedly the richest man in America at his death in 1831, Girard left the bulk of his fortune to philanthropic works, including the endowment of Girard College. Mr. McFarland, historical consultant to the president of Girard College and a member of the Committee on Stephen Girard Papers and Effects, outlined the College's American Revolution Bicentennial plans for a program of exhibits, lectures, and other activities centering on the Stephen Girard Collection.

**John C. Rather,** Chief of the Technical Processes Research Office, was one of the speakers on the technical services program at the 20th annual meeting of the Midwest Academic Librarians Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on May 23. His topic was the future of catalog control in the Library of Congress. Approximately 250 persons attended the program.

The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping has conferred honorary membership on **Walter W. Ristow,** Chief of the Geography and Map Division, "in recognition of his eminent position, achieved through a distinguished career as an authority on cartography." Presentation of an engraved ACSM plaque was made during a special luncheon honoring Mr. Ristow on April 18. Established in 1941, the Congress has awarded just 27 honorary memberships.

**WOMEN'S PROGRAM ASSIGNED TELEPHONE NUMBER**

A Library of Congress telephone number has now been assigned to the Library's Federal Women's Program; the number is 426-5338. Questions about FWP activities in the Library, advice on matters of concern to women, and suggestions regarding the program should be directed to this number. The office of the Library's Federal Women's Program Coordinator, Linda R. Gainer, is MB G-108.

Mr. Ristow, who holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin (B.A. 1931), Oberlin College (M.A. 1933), and Clark University (Ph.D. 1937), has been a member of ACSM since March 1942, when he was with the Map Division of the New York Public Library. He has served the Congress in numerous capacities for many years. For 20 years he was author of "Distinctive Recent Maps," a feature which has regularly appeared in ACSM publications since 1950.

**Vincent Trumpa** of the Subject Cataloging Division delivered a lecture on Motiejus Valancius, Bishop of Samogitia between 1850 and 1875, at the annual meeting of the Institute of Lithuanian Studies in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 17.

**Key P. Yang**, Korean Area Specialist, Chinese and Korean Section, Orientalia Division, is the recipient of an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy for outstanding contributions to Korean studies, conferred by Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea, on May 8. He was in Korea to receive the degree.

Mr. Yang, who holds a B.A. degree (Monmouth College, 1950), M.A. degree (American University, 1958), and an M. L. S. degree (Catholic University, 1960), joined the staff of the Library of Congress, in 1950. He has published many articles, bibliographies, and monographs on politics, education, and library science, and has participated in various meetings and organizations dealing with Korean studies.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

*Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions.* ISSN 0012-2785. 94th Congress, 1st Session. Cumulative Issue No. 1, 1975. (various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $17.50 this issue or $90 a session, domestic, and $112.50 a session, foreign. (LC 14.6:94-1/1-2.)

*The Geography and Map Division: A Guide to Its Collections and Services.* ISBN 8444-0150. Revised. 1975. (iv, 42 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, or in person from the Information Counter, Main Building, Library of Congress, for $1.15 a copy (GPO Stock Number 3004-00015.)

Prepared by the Geography and Map Division, this edition updates a 1951 booklet entitled *The Services and Collections of the Map Division.* The introduction to the new guide traces the development of the Library's cartographic holdings from 1800 to its present collections of more than 3.5 million items. In a survey of treasures from the special collections, selections are arranged by chronological order—from the Discovery and Exploration period to the Post-Civil War period—and by special categories, including U.S. Official Maps and Charts, the Oriental Map Collection, Atlases, and Globes. Citations are given when guides or lists to the collections have been published. A number of reproductions of treasured items from the collections are included in the guide. An explanation of the organization and services of the Geography and Map Division appears in the final section.

*Library of Congress Catalogs: Chinese Cooperative Catalog.* ISSN 0095-1072. April 1975. (v, 199 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $155 a year.

*Manuscript Sources in the Library of Congress for Research on the American Revolution.* ISBN 8444-0122. Compiled by John R. Sellers, Gerard W. Gawalt, Paul H. Smith, and Patricia van Ee of the American Revolution Bicentennial Office, Library of Congress. 1975. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, or in person from the Library's Information Counter, for $8.70 a copy. (GPO Stock Number 3003-0011. LC 1.2:M31/3.)

This 372-page guide describes the original documents and photocopies and transcripts of original documents available in the Library's Manuscript, Music, and Rare Book Divisions and Law Library for the student of economics, religion, everyday life and customs, military affairs, genealogy, women in the Revolutionary period, slavery, Loyalists, and many other aspects of the Revolutionary era. The 1,617 entries in the guide are arranged alphabetically in two main divisions, Domestic Collections and Foreign Reproductions. Under Domestic Collections are Account Books, Journals and Diaries, Miscellaneous Manuscripts, and Orderly Books, each alphabetized

independently. Each entry in the guide includes the number of boxes, volumes, or folders that make up the collection and the inclusive dates of the material; a biographical sketch of the principal figure or figures represented in the collection; and a description of relevant documents.

Citations are given when materials have been printed or when guides or calendars have been published. There is a proper name and subject index and an index of all repositories from which manuscripts or photoreproductions were obtained. An introduction lists additional finding aids available to the researcher.

A principal repository of original source material on the American Revolution, the Library acquired a substantial part of its collections of such material in the 19th century through gift and purchase. Among the major collections relating to the American Revolution are the Peter Force Collection purchased in 1867, the Comte de Rochambeau Papers acquired in 1882, and the Joseph Meredith Toner Collection presented in 1896.

*Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.* ISSN 0041-7939. Vol. 32, No. 2, April 1975. (pp. 83-152.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, or from the Library's Information Counter, for $1.65 this issue, or $6.45 a year, domestic and $8.10 a year, foreign (LC 1.17:32/2.)

This issue marks the 175th anniversary of the Library of Congress, which was established by a provision in a law passed by Congress on April 24, 1800, providing for the move of the seat of government from Philadelphia to Washington. In the first of three articles in the issue, Edmund and Dorothy Smith Berkeley write about the first Librarian of Congress, John Beckley. This biography is the first in a series which will be devoted to the 11 men who have guided the Library of Congress for the past 175 years. Both a librarian and a political figure, Beckley served from 1802 to 1807. Among his principal achievements was the publication of the first catalog of library holdings.

The second article written by John Y. Cole, "For Congress & the Nation," presents an overview of the Library's history, emphasizing its dual role as the legislative library of Congress and the national library.

The last article, "The Child and the Shadow," by Ursula K. Le Guin is based on a lecture she presented at the Library on November 11, 1974, in observance of National Children's Book Week. A writer of poetry and science fiction for adults and fantasy for children, this award winning author points out in her lecture that "Fantasy is the language of the inner self. I will claim no more for fantasy than to say that I personally find it the appropriate language in which to tell stories to children—and others. But I say that with some confidence, having behind me the authority of a very great poet, who put it much more boldly, 'The great instrument of moral good,' Shelley said, 'is the imagination.' "

## NEW REFERENCE WORKS

*The American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies for 1973* (Columbus, Ohio, 1975. 226 p. $8/$6 for AAASS members.) has just been released. This bibliography was compiled as a cooperative project between the Library of Congress Slavic and Central European Division and the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), and continues a series that was begun in 1957 (1956 imprints). The 1957-66 volumes were published by Indiana University and the 1967 volume by the Ohio State University. Since 1968, the AAASS has been in charge of the publication of the bibliography.

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The 1973 volume, containing almost double the number of entries of any previous annual volume, was prepared under the editorship of David H. Kraus, Assistant to the Chief of the Slavic and Central European Division, assisted by associate editor Anita R. Navon and by other staff members of the Division. The 4,754 entries cite books, articles, and published reports on the Slavic and East European countries of Albania, the Baltic States, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Berlin, Greece and Cyprus, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia and the Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia, as well as Austria, the Byzantine Empire, Finland, and Turkey as they relate historically to the aforementioned countries. The entries are arranged under broad subject headings, with geographic subdivisions, and treat the humanities and the social sciences.

The entries cover primarily works published by U.S. or Canadian authors in English and other languages, but include selected English-language works published in Western Europe and the Commonwealth countries (except Great Britain). There is a special section for 1973 reviews of books published earlier (1970-72); 1973 reviews of books published in 1973 follow the entry for the book.

The bibliography is available from the AAASS, The Ohio State University, 190 West 19th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210. [*David H. Kraus*]

*Library Resources for International Education* (Washington, D.C., American Council on Education, 1975. Occasional Paper No. 1. 97 p. $3.) reviews the state-of-the-art of foreign language and area programs at American libraries. The report provides basic information on U.S. library resources relating to eight areas of study, describes present library needs, and offers recommendations for future action.

The report emphasizes some common problems which American libraries face in resource development, bibliographic controls, and staffing with respect to foreign language materials in each of the eight areas—Africa, East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Soviet Union, and Western Europe. Detailed statistics on publications held by American libraries are given in the sections for East Asia (primarily Chinese, Japanese, and Korean), Middle East (primarily Arabic, Persian, and Turkish), and Latin America.

Among the recommendations in the report are the creation of a secretariat "charged with planning and coordinating a national scheme capable of providing adequate library support for area study programs throughout the country," and the designation of enough regional library information resource centers and supportive libraries to serve the needs of all parts of the nation. The expansion of the Library of Congress National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging to provide centralized cataloging service for foreign language publications still uncovered and the broadening of the MARC data base to accommodate non-Roman alphabet citations are also recommended.

The report was prepared by the Task Force on Library and Information Resources to the Government/Academic Interface Committee of the International Education Project of the American Council on Education. The Task Force was one of the five groups created in late 1973 and early 1974 by the International Education Project to examine various aspects of international education in the United States. The work of the Task Force was coordinated by Stephen A. McCarthy, then Executive Director, Association of Research Libraries. The report was written by John Berthel, University Librarian, Johns Hopkins University. Task Force members from the Library of Congress were Paul L. Horecky, Chief, Slavic and Central European Division, and Warren Tsuneishi, Chief, Orientalia Division. LC members of the Council of Advisors to the Task Force included Edmond L. Applebaum, Assistant Director (Acquisitions and Overseas Operations), Processing Department; George N. Atiyeh, Head, Near East Section; Edwin G. Beal, Jr., Assistant Chief, Orientalia Division; Louis A. Jacob, Head, Southern Asia Section; and Julian Witherell, Head, African Section. The report is available from the International Education Project, American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036. [*Warren Tsuneishi*]

*The National Union Catalog of United States Government Publications Received by Depository Libraries as of December 1973* (Washington, D.C., Carrollton Press, 1974. 4 v. Z1223.Z9N3. $285.) represents a published record of the Government publications received by each of the 1,122 depository libraries designated under Title 44 of the *United States Code* and active as of December 1973. Thirty-nine of these are regional libraries which receive all depository items; the remaining 1,083 depository libraries have selected the publications they wish to receive from a list of more than 3,000 available items. Data for this compilation was taken from the order books used by the Office of the Superintendent of Documents when making the actual distribution of publications to depository libraries.

The basic arrangement of the work is by Superintendent of Documents classification number. Each Government publication available for selection by depository libraries appears on its own page. Each is identified by its SuDocs class number, depository item number, issuing department, bureau, office, or agency, title, and previous SuDocs class number, if any. Beneath the bibliographic identifiers on each page is a listing, by state, of control numbers representing all of the depository libraries. The numbers for libraries which had received the publication by December 1973 are circled. No attempt is made to show the chronological length of any holdings, since the Superintendent of Documents order books do not contain information on the dates when individual libraries began receiving selected items.

At the beginning of each of the four volumes is a listing of depository libraries with their complete addresses. (Each regional library is designated by an "R" preceding its number.) Following is a "List of U.S. Government Publications" citing those publications available for selection by depository libraries, and giving page reference for each entry. This list is organized by SuDocs class number; however, since entries are listed close together under major departments and agencies, the list can be used to locate a class number which is not known. If only the item number of a publications is known, the user can refer to an index in each volume which correlates item numbers with SuDocs class numbers. Volume 4 con-

tains a "best seller" list which ranks the 300 most popular items by the number of depository libraries which selected them. Copies of the work are available in the Main Reading Room and in the general collections.

Another contribution to the bibliographic control of U.S. Government publications is the *Cumulative Subject Index to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications, 1900-1971*, compiled by William W. Buchanan and Edna M. Kanely (Washington, D.C. Carrollton Press, 1973. 14 v. Z1223.A18). This work provides a single cumulative index to all publications listed in the biennial *Document Catalog*, 1900-1940, the decennial cumulative indexes to the *Monthly Catalog*, 1941-1960, and the annual indexes to the *Monthly Catalog*, 1961-1971. Each index entry, whether a main subject heading or a subheading, contains a reference to the year in which the full bibliographic citation appeared and a reference to the item or page number in the original source. The year indicator appears as a two-digit number in parentheses, from (00) to (71). All numbers following the years (00) to (46) refer to the pages in the *Document Catalog* or the *Monthly Catalog* on which the original citations appear. All numbers following the years (48) to (71) are item number references to the *Monthly Catalog*. "See" and "see also" entries have been taken from the numerous *Document Catalog* and *Monthly Catalog* indexes, merged, and alphabetized under various subject headings and subheadings. Additional cross references were added by the compilers. Certain broad subject headings have been designated "major segments," each of which begins with its own title page. Major segments include all states, some ot the larger U.S. Government organizations, and other large, self-contained subject areas which could stand alone as cumulative indexes on specific subjects. Ten volumes of this work have been received and are available for consultation in the Main Reading Room. [*Dottie Pollet*]

James Cass and Max Birnbaum, authors of *Comparative Guide to American Colleges* (New York, Harper & Row, 1973. 916 p.) and *Comparative Guide to Junior and Two-Year Community Colleges* (New York, Harper & Row, 1972. 396 p.), have added to their series of guides an experimental volume entitled *Counselors' Comparative Guide to American Colleges* (New York, Harper & Row, 1974. 796 p. L901.C345 1974. $12.50.) It reflects the advice received from counselors about their information needs in helping students with college and career choices. In addition to the capsule profiles of four-year accredited institutions, describing the school and its environment, admission policy, academic environment, and campus life, it also attempts to weigh the degree to which the student is allowed to determine the nature and content of the academic experience and the degree to which the student influences campus social regulations affecting a life style. A large portion of the *Guide* is devoted to the location of schools offering particular courses of study. The numbers of degrees awarded by institutions in particular subject areas are given. Accredited programs are indicated. There are separate sections with lists of schools accepting mid-year admissions, schools providing individualized majors, schools having coed dormitories, and schools sponsoring ROTC programs. The tuition section has institutions listed on seven cost levels, $0-$500, $501-$1,000, $1,001-$1,500, $1,501-$2,000, $2,001-$2,500, $2,501-$3,000, and $3,001 and above. State institutions and religious-sponsored schools are each in their own sections. One section lists the institutions awarding some scholarshops on the basis of academic merit alone and/or the availability of nongovernmental loans to middle income students. Reference librarians as well as counselors will find this volume helpful for the variety of information covered. Other references, especially those dealing with scholarships and loans, will be needed to supplement the information found here. The companion volumes, *Comparative Guide to American Colleges* and *Comparative Guide to Junior and Two-Year Community Colleges*, still provide the detailed profiles of the institutions. *Counselors' Comparative Guide to American Colleges* is available in the Annex and Main Reading Rooms. [*Frances H. Reynolds*]

The first edition of *Orodho ya Machapishio; Publications Catalogue* (Tanzania, University of Dar es Salaam, 1975. 102 p.) has been issued and covers all publications available for general distribution from the University's departments, institutes, bureaus, and student organizations. Listings include both hardbound and paperback publications primarily in English. Departments and institutes are arranged in alphabetical order with serials, monographs, monographic series of reports, and papers listed under their issuing bodies. Out-of-print items can be obtained on microfilm through the University Library. Indexes to authors and serials are provided together with prices (in Tanzanian shillings) and postage fees. Copies of the catalog are available free of charge from the Acquisition Section, University Library, P.O. Box 35092, University Hill, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Helen Davies' *Libraries in West Africa 1960-73; a*

*Bibliography* (Aberystwyth, Dyfed, Wales, College of Librarianship Wales, 1974. Rev. ed. 53 p. price 60 p.) covers the library scene in West Africa with the exclusion of Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands. Most of the material relates to Ghana and Nigeria. Content arrangement is by geographic area, starting with West Africa in general and continuing with an alphabetical sequence of countries, and by the following subject categories: legislation, education, statistics, types of libraries (public, school, special, university, colleges of education), national bibliographies, and archives. The bibliography may be obtained from the College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwth, Dyfed, SW23 3AS, Wales.

*Africana in Microform in the Michigan State University Library: A Preliminary Bibliographical Inventory*, (East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State University, 1975. 51 p.) reflects the growth of the university's Africana collection during the last 15 years. The large scale acquisition of Africana in microform was the library's response to the expanding African studies program of teaching and research. Contents are listed alphabetically by author and corporate author and complete bibliographical information is given. The prefatory note points out that the catalog is incomplete in that it lists only series titles and does not list the contents of reels on such items as development plans, progress reports, or archival material. A copy of this preliminary inventory is available to libraries free of charge from the Michigan State University Library, East Lansing, Mich. 48824.

Christiane Keane has compiled *The Commonwealth: A Basic Bibliography for Students, Librarians and General Readers* (London, Commonwealth Institute, 1974. 31 p.), the first bibliography in the Commonwealth series. Commonwealth bibliographies are compiled and revised periodically in the Library and Resource Center of the Commonwealth Institute, in consultation with the Librarian of the Royal Commonwealth Society. Monography in *The Commonwealth* are arranged by subject or format: general, economics, education, government-politics-law, literature, and periodicals. A copy of this pamphlet may be obtained free of charge from Manager, Commonwealth Institute Shop, Kensington High Street, London W8 6NQ, England.

Copies of these publications are available for consultation in the African Section, General Reference and Bibliograpny Division.

[*Mattye Laverne Brandon*]

## NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### APPOINTMENTS

**Forrest C. Pogue**, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Dwight D. Eisenhower Institute for Historical Research, has been appointed to the Active Board of Trustees of the United States Capitol Historical Society for a three-year term. The Society publishes a range of educational materials and acquires historic memorabilia for the Capitol building. Mr. Pogue, who was Director of the George C. Marshall Foundation, Lexington, Va., before joining the Smithsonian, is the author of *The Supreme Command* and a noted biographer of Marshall. The Eisenhower Institute for Historical Research was activated at the Smithsonian less than a year ago to bring about a greater awareness of the American military contribution to democracy.

Interim Dean **Edward P. Miller** has been named to the deanship of the School of Library and Informational Science at the University of Missouri, Columbia, effective immediately. Mr. Miller, who has served as interim dean since September 1, 1974, will continue as Chairman of the school's Information Science Department. He came to Missouri in 1972 from the Tulsa (Okla.) City-County Library System where he was Coordinator for Adult and Young Adult Services. Mr. Miller holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto, a bachelor of divinity degree from Kenyon College, and a doctorate in industrial engineering from the University of Oklahoma. His doctoral work was in the field of library systems management.

### FELLOWSHIPS

The **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** has announced that the Center has accepted 12 new fellows who are due to arrive during 1975-76. They are Harold J. Barnett, Professor of Economics, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; John Cobb, Professor, School of Theology, Claremont, Calif.; Thomas Cripps, Professor of History, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.; Josehp Hollingworth, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison; A. E. Dick Howard, Professor of Law, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Grace Stuart Ibingira, former Ambassador to the United Nations from Uganda and former Minister of Justice; Thomas E. Petri, Wisconsin State Senator; Douglas Rae, Professor of Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Leslie Rout, Associate Professor, Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Neil Sheehan, reporter for the *New York Times* Wash-

ington Bureau; Herman Van Der Wee, Professor of Economic History, University of Leuven, Brussels, Belgium; and Oran Young, Professor of Political Science, University of Texas, Austin. The Center offers fellowships of several months to a year in duration for scholars in the fields of history, literature and other humanistic studies, political science, economics, psychology, government, law, journalism, and other professions, and in the broad interrelated areas of environment, economic growth, and resources.

## COMING EVENTS

The **Potomac Valley Chapter** of the American Society for Information Science will hold its June meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at the Flagship Restaurant, 900 Water St., S.W., beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will present the color film *ACCESS*, an updated look at the important information storage and retrieval networks in this country. Produced by the Institute for Communications Research of Stanford University, the film depicts an imaginative panorama of problems in communications and ways computers can solve them. Further information on the dinner meeting is available from Dion Johnson, telephone (202) 557-7716 (work) or (202) 946-8627 (home).

A second series of summer film showings will begin on June 24 in the **Folger Shakespeare Library's** Elizabethan Theatre. The series, entitled "British Novels on Film," will commence on June 24 with the classic Frank Capra 1937 production of *Lost Horizon;* the showing will be repeated on Wednesday, June 25. The 1967 adaptation of Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* will be screened on July 1 and 2, and the production of *Pride and Prejudice* with Greer Garson, Laurence Olivier, and Maureen O'Sullivan on July 8 and 9. Tickets for the series are $5 per person and are available from the Public Programs Office of the Folger, 201 E. Capitol St., S.E. Should the series not be entirely sold, individual tickets will be available at the door one-half hour before the performance for $2; performances are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the coming year, the Manuscripts Department of the **University of Virginia Library** will prepare a microfilm edition of the university's Jefferson papers to complement their recently published calendar, *The Jefferson Papers of the University of Virginia* (1973). The university will thus join the six institutions with major holdings of Jefferson papers, including the Library of Congress, that have prepared microfilm editions of their collections. Standards established for microfilm projects by the National Historical Publications Commission will be used in preparing the edition. The film should be ready for scholarly use by 1976. Douglas W. Tanner, Field Archivist on the departmental faculty, will edit the microfilm edition of the Jefferson papers.

The **Folger Shakespeare Library** has opened an exhibit entitled "The Life of our English Ancestors" that uses books, manuscripts, and illustrations to illuminate the quality of everyday life in Renaissance England. The exhibit will remain on view through the fall. Treating such topics as courtship and marriage, the responsibilities of family life, education, life in the countryside, and practical problems such as crime, unemployment, transportation systems, the display will be on view in the Library Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The Folger is located at 201 E. Capitol St., S.E., Washington, D.C.; walk-in tours are held every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Special Libraries Association has issued an *SLA Annual Report* for 1974, the first such report, according to the introduction, that has been prepared for many years. The editor expressed the hope that annual reports will be issued regularly in future years. The 22-page document discusses such topics as SLA membership and publications, intra-association activities, and SLA policy statements, and contains a financial statement. The Special Libraries Association is located at 235 Park Ave. S., New York, N.Y. 10003.

The University of Texas Press has recently issued Volumes 13, 14, and 15 of the *Handbook of Middle American Indians*, which together with Volume 12, make up the four parts of the *Guide to Ethnohistorical Sources*, edited by the late Howard F. Cline, who was at the time Director of the Library of Congress Hispanic Foundation (now the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division). The publication was supported by a Ford Foundation grant. The four parts of the *Guide* sell for $20 apiece; Volumes 14 and 15 will not be sold separately and will therefore cost $40 for the pair. They may be ordered from the University of Texas Press, Box 7819, Austin, Texas 78712.

The R. R. Bowker Co. has recently published the 1975 edition of *The Bowker Annual of Library and Book Trade Information*, compiled and edited by Madeline Miele and Sarah Prakken. Consulting Editor

is Frank L. Schick, Chief of the Library Surveys Branch, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Office of Education. This, the 20th edition of *The Bowker Annual*, contains new articles on "How to Get a Job in Librarianship," "A Proposal Primer," "A Survey of Nationwide Library Services to the Blind," as well as features on library networks, public library building in 1974, and the status of Congressional action on copyright and postal laws. *The Bowker Annual* is available for $23.50 from the R. R. Bowker Co., 1180 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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# *APPENDIX*

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## REPORTS OF REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

**[Editor's note: State and local institutional participants in the national library network for the blind and physically handicapped, coordinated by the Library of Congress, arrange periodic regional conferences for the exchange of information and the discussion of mutual problems. Of the four regional groups, the Western, Northeastern, and Midlands regions plan and hold meetings annually. The Southeastern region at present holds a conference biennially in odd-numbered years alternating with the biennial national conferences sponsored by the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. All but the Western regional group are represented in the conference reports which appear here. That region's most recent conference was held in September 1974, and was reported as Appendix I to the November 8, 1974 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*.]**

### NORTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
### Boston, Mass., April 7-9, 1975

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Northern Region Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped convened representatives from regional and subregional libraries as well as related organizations from Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia. The conference began with an informal reception on Sunday evening giving those new to the program the opportunity to become acquainted with colleagues, and all those present the chance to discuss areas of mutual concern. Representatives present were Steven Herman, Assistant for Network Support, who is the Division's primary consultant for the Northeast Region, and Morton Friedman, Automated Systems Coordinator, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The Monday morning session was concerned with the methodology of reaching potential readers among the physically handicapped and learning disabled. Two speakers, Lillian Alpaugh who is a board member of both the Massachusetts Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and the Edition of the Learning Disabilities Gazette, and Sue Claxton, Director of Adult Programs, United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Boston and member of several boards, presented many worthwhile suggestions to increase program visibility and describe available services. The afternoon session on Monday dealt with the role of volunteers in the program. Eileen Keim of New Hampshire discussed the Carroll County Outreach program in her state, and Alice Sizer Warner of Warner-Eddison Associates, who spoke on the scope of activities in which volunteers can become involved, distributed an extensive annotated bibliography *Suggested Readings on Voluntarism.* A tour of the new main building of the Boston Public Library, emphasizing the unique architectural features and the recently installed computer, followed.

The program for Tuesday, made possible by the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension, was conducted by John Nichols, President of the financial development and consulting firm Pro-Plan International, and President of the International Guild for Resource Development. Mr. Nichols gave a thorough and detailed analysis of the many sources of funding for reading programs for the physically handicapped, including foundations, trusts and bequests, chambers of commerce, and local jurisdictions. Tuesday evening, the regional librarians met to discuss the future of the conferences and to hear a presentation by Mr. Herman on the future plans of the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The session on Wednesday was held at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass. Mr. Friedman spoke on the automated systems being developed at the Library of Congress, primarily the upcoming computer-produced book catalog. The first catalog is to contain 12,000 mass-produced items and the second, mass- and limited-production material. A discussion on format ensued. Also discussed was the upcoming selection system which will enable regional librarians to select copies according to their regional needs. Harry Friedman, Director of Howe Press, spoke on his firm's various products and services and Charles A. Butts, Director, Subsidiary Rights and Special Sales, Houghton-Mifflin Co, and member of the Association of American Publishers Copyright Committee, spoke on copyright. Following an introduction by Benjamin F. Smith, Director, a tour of the Perkins School was conducted. [*Steven Herman*]

## SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
### Atlanta, Ga., April 21-23, 1975

This Second Biennial Conference was attended by librarians from 11 regional and 14 subregional libraries representing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Special guests attending the conference included Ruth Covo, representing the Comite Internacional Pro Ciegos, Mexico; Andree F. Bailey, Institution Consultant, Florida State Library; and Alar I. Kruus, New York City Regional Librarian and Chairperson of the Northern Conference of Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Attending and participating from the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped were Billy R. West, Volunteer Coordinator in the Volunteer Utilization Section, Donna M. Kemme, Reference Librarian in the Reference Section, Mary Jack Wintle, then Assistant Chief for Materials Development, and Donald J. Weber, Head of the Network Services Section. Mr. Weber is also the Division's primary consultant for the southern region.

After brief remarks from Florida Regional Librarian Katherine M. Jackson, 1973-1975 Chairperson of the Southern Conference, and Carl R. Sandstedt, the Conference's Host Librarian, the group was officially welcomed by Carlton J. Thaxton, Director, Division of Public Library Services, Georgia Department of Education. Mr. Thaxton emphasized his agency's commitment to the subregional library concept and announced that the Georgia state government recently approved continuing appropriations, $160,000 this fiscal year, to reimburse cooperating state subregional libraries (in Georgia, termed "Talking Book Centers") for service to the blind and physically handicapped. Miss Kemme then discussed recent Library of Congress activities, emphasizing the reorganization of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the development of the combination talking book/cassette machine.

"Volunteer Recruitment and Training," moderated by James DeJarnatt, Volunteer Coordinator, Georgia Regional Library, was the theme of the conference's first panel discussion which followed. During this segment, panelists stressed the need to determine volunteer needs before inaugurating a volunteer program—to determine work to be performed, plan training programs to permit its accomplishment and to provide supervisory and evaluation mechanisms to insure that work accomplished conforms to the goals established for each volunteer activity. Mr. West followed this panel discussion with a formal presentation which emphasized the need for maximum end-product standards when working with volunteers. Afterwards, he moderated the conference's second panel discussion entitled "Cassette Duplication." This discussion highlighted the diversity of cassette duplication equipment currently utilized by network libraries, the requirement that minimum duplication standards be enforced and the need for continuous communication with DBPH concerning cassette program developments.

The afternoon session began with a talk by Mr. Weber on volunteer produced, print-braille children's books. In this presentation, print-braille was defined, its utilization by patrons and network participants was discussed, and a "how-to-do-it" segment concluded his remarks. A discussion of DBPH's retrospective cataloging project and other automation-oriented subjects was then presented by Miss Kemme. Donald Bailey, Texas Regional Librarian, then discussed current automation activities in regional libraries. In his presentation, he emphasized automated circulation systems currently operative at the Los Angeles, Texas, and Cleveland regional libraries. The conference's first day concluded with three tape-slide presentations prepared by the Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi regional libraries to inform the general public about the blind and physically handicapped library program.

The second day began with a description of the Southern Multi-State Center's activities and a discussion of possible areas of additional cooperation among Southern network participants. This segment, chaired by Katherine M. Jackson, was followed by a question-answer segment which illustrated the Southern network libraries' commitment to the Multi-State Center concept. S. Stephen Prine, Jr., of the Florida Regional and Mr. Weber then conducted an Interlibrary Loan Workshop. Afterwards, conference participants toured the Georgia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Atlanta Braille Library, and the facilities of the Atlanta Services for the Blind. In the evening, three group meetings were conducted: a subregional library caucus chaired by Joyce L. Smith of the Huntsville, Ala., subregional library; a regional library caucus chaired by Carl R. Sandstedt of the Georgia Regional Library; and a machine agency caucus chaired by Miss Kemme.

A panel discussion with the theme "Subregional Libraries: Funding, Staffing, etc." began the session on the third day. This segment was moderated by

Andree F. Bailey of the Florida State Library and highlighted the subregional library programs currently operative in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia. This program was followed by the conference's second subregional library panel discussion. This segment, entitled "Subregional Libraries Talk About Their Program" was moderated by Mary Peach of the Palmetto, Fla., Subregional Library. Discussions illustrated the continuing need for close interaction between subregional and regional libraries. This segment was followed by a talk presented by Emily Payne, Director, Tri-County Regional Library System (Georgia) which was entitled "We Ask Too Little." How network facilities can lobby to insure that adequate operational funding is made available to them was the subject of Miss Payne's presentation. Ruth Covo, representing Mexico's Comite Internacional Pro Ciegos then discussed the activities of her organization and its desire to formally initiate international interlibrary purchase/exchange/loan relationships. Following this, Miss Wintle discussed current and future divisional plans emphasizing DBPH's fiscal year 1976 appropriations, research and development, and international cooperation. A panel discussion on machine repair and distribution, moderated by Wynn Hunnicutt of the Georgia Regional Library, was next on the program. Methods employed by machine lending agencies in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas were the subject of this discussion.

During the concluding business meeting, participants elected Carl R. Sandstedt, Georgia Regional Librarian, its 1975-1977 Chairperson of the Southern Conference of Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and debated and approved a number of resolutions. Approved resolutions included the Southern Conference's enthusiastic support of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Multi-State Center, a request for the development of quantitative minimum standards for regional and subregional libraries which serve the blind and physically handicapped, a request for the continuance and development of DBPH's Spanish language program, a recommendation that DBPH continue to regard its recataloging project/automation activities as highest priority, elaboration of network concerns regarding the selection of titles produced for the national program, a recommendation that regional libraries be automatically designated the primary machine lending agency for the geographical area it serves, and recommendations regarding interaction with Radio Talking Book stations and other organizations representing the blind and physically handicapped. [*Donald J. Weber*]

## MIDLANDS CONFERENCE
### Chicago, Ill., May 7-9, 1975

Representatives of regional and subregional libraries and other institutions in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin attended the two-day conference. Richard Evensen, Program Analyst, and Steven J. Herman, Assistant for Network Support, DBPH, represented the Library of Congress. A reception was held on the evening before the opening of the conference, giving participants an opportunity to meet informally.

The Wednesday morning session was opened by David Reich, Chief Librarian, Chicago Public Library, who discussed the expansion and remodeling plans of his Library which include a new building for services to the blind and handicapped. The remainder of the morning session was concerned with the consumer. Speaker August Christmann, Governor of the Illinois Council, Congress of Organizations of the Physically Handicapped, indicated that at present little is being done by consumer groups in the area of attracting patrons to the service. More publicity is needed. Second on the panel was Mr. Evensen, who discussed two major studies conducted in 1974 involving consumer input: the braille readers survey and the 4-track cassette users survey. Mrs. Charlotte Des Jardins of the Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children spoke on her successful efforts in gaining support for her organizations and encouraged those present to consider some of her methods. Don Morrow, an SSI Planning Specialist and a user of talking book services for 30 years, described his experiences with the various programs. Mr. Morrow also discussed areas of service for future consideration. A luncheon was held at the Palmer House. Luncheon speaker Don Nold, Editor-Publisher of *Dialogue* magazine, discussed the background and current policies of the magazine, obtaining substantial feedback from the audience.

The first part of the afternoon session dealt with program publicity and was opened by speaker Peggy Barber of the American Library Association Public Information Office. According to Miss Barber, public relations is not publicity; it is doing a good job and telling about it. A panel presentation followed on "Radio-Talking Book Services: What Are They, Where Are They and How Do They Relate to Traditional Library Services?" Members of this panel, all of whom are actively involved in this area of service, were Bill McIlvain of the Oklahoma Regional Library,

Florence Grannis of the Iowa Regional Library, and Father Boniface Wittenbrink of WMRY Radio Talking Book, Belleville, Ill. While all presented slightly different approaches, they concurred on the unique ability of radio to bring to the blind more items of local interest and current information than would otherwise be available.

Thursday morning's program consisted of services available to the blind and handicapped through organizations other than the Library of Congress. Guest speakers included Michael Carberry of the Hadley School for the Blind, Betty Ware of Recordings for the Blind, and John Kuester of the American Bible Society. Mary Louise Thompson of the Voluntary Action Committee gave a presentation on the volunteers and their effective use. She indicated that in today's economy more and more people desire to do volunteer work. As leisure time increases, this trend will become more evident. She detailed the characteristics of volunteers and the types of appropriate work.

The afternoon session consisted of the Library of Congress presentation. Topics covered included the 4-track cassette study, the results of which had just been tabulated. Other topics were the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reorganization, Multi-State Centers, and the 1976 National Conference. An extensive question-and-answer period followed. Small discussion groups were then formed.

The Friday morning session opened with reports of the Thursday discussion groups, followed by committee reports and a speech by Frank Kurt Cylke, Chief, Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, on plans and responses to issues raised by previous speakers.

[*Steven Herman*]